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	Prior Application: <b>10/272,475</b> filed <b>October 16, 2002</b>
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Mail Stop Patent Application  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a **X** continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior U.S. Serial No. **10/272,475** filed on **October 16, 2002** of **Ross S. Randolph, Charles J. Renz, John G. Rousso, and Brenda Liistro** for **NIPPLE**.

The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW				
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1. **X** No fee enclosed – filing by missing parts.
2.        Cancel in this application original claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3.        A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed.
4.        Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 This is a        continuation,        division, of application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
5. **X** The power of attorney in the prior application is to: **Charles N.J. Ruggiero**
  - a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
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6. \_\_\_\_\_ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

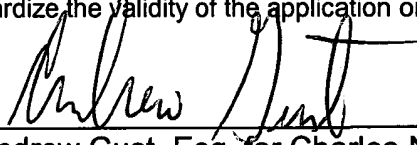
8. XX Priority of application Serial No. 10/272,475 filed on October 16, 2002 and a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/054,510 filed on November 13, 2001, which claims priority of U.S. Design Application No. 29/152,115, filed October 29, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of copending Application Serial No. 09/906,320, filed July 16, 2001, which claims priority in U.S. Design Application Serial No. 29/121,308, filed April 5, 2000, issued as U.S. Design Patent No. 445,193. This application is also a continuation-in-part of copending Application Serial No. 09/639,508, filed August 16, 2000, which is a divisional application of Application Serial No. 09/209,070 filed on December 10, 1998 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,138,710 and is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of PCT Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ published on \_\_\_\_\_.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

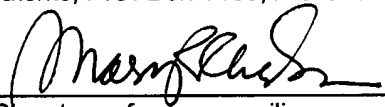
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